

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Herrero, Cortez, Alvarado

H.B. No. 1128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2054, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2054.1264 to read as follows:

Sec. 2054.1264. POSTING OF COST-EFFICIENCY SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS ON STATE AGENCY WEBSITE. (a) In this section, "state agency" does not include an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency that has 1,500 or more employees shall post on the agency's intranet website or generally accessible Internet website an electronic form or link allowing an employee of the agency to submit suggestions and ideas on how to make the agency more cost-efficient. The system for submitting suggestions and ideas must allow an employee to elect to submit a suggestion or idea that includes the employee's name or to submit an anonymous suggestion or idea. If an employee elects to submit anonymously, the suggestion or idea may not be traceable to the employee and the system for anonymous submission may not record data linking the suggestion or idea to the computer used for the submission.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency shall post on the agency's generally accessible Internet website a

1 link allowing members of the public to:

2 (1) monitor, in real time or on a weekly or monthly
3 basis, submissions made under Subsection (b); and

4 (2) vote for the public's favorite submission.

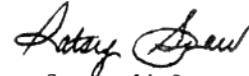
5 (d) The department may exclude from the requirements of this
6 section a state agency if the agency has a preexisting program or
7 link that the department determines substantially meets the
8 requirements of this section.

9 (e) The department shall adopt rules establishing
10 procedures and required formats for implementing this section. The
11 rules adopted under this subsection must require that submissions
12 under Subsection (b) and votes under Subsection (c) be moderated to
13 exclude overtly political or offensive material.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

ADOPTED

MAY 22 2013


Secretary of the Senate

By: Herold Garcia

H.B. No. 1128

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1128 :

By: Spencer N. Gilman

C.S. H.B. No. 1128

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11 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d) and to the extent
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14 or generally accessible Internet website an electronic form or link
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22 data linking the suggestion or idea to the computer used for the
23 submission.

24 (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each state agency

1 that posts a form or link as provided by Subsection (b) shall post
2 on the agency's generally accessible Internet website a link
3 allowing members of the public to:

4 (1) monitor, in real time or on a weekly, monthly, or
5 quarterly basis, submissions made under Subsection (b); and

6 (2) vote for the public's favorite submission.

7 (d) The department may exclude from the requirements of this
8 section a state agency if the agency has a preexisting program or
9 link that the department determines substantially meets the
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2013

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1128** by Herrero (Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require a state agency with at least 1,500 employees to post on the agency's intranet website or generally accessible Internet website an electronic form or link allowing an employee of the agency to submit suggestions and ideas on how to make the agency more cost-efficient. The bill would require the state agencies to post on the agency's generally accessible Internet website a link allowing members of the public to monitor the suggestions and vote for their favorite submissions. The bill would require the Department of Information (DIR) to adopt rules establishing procedures and required formats, including requirements for moderation of submissions to exclude overtly political or offensive material. The bill would authorize DIR to exclude a state agency from requirements of the bill if DIR determines that the agency has a preexisting program or link that substantially meets the requirements of the bill. The Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Department of Public Safety estimate there would be a cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill. It is anticipated that the additional costs could be absorbed within affected agencies' existing resources

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: UP, KJo, SD, EP, LCO

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 16, 2013

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1128** by Herrero (Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 30, 2013

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1128** by Herrero (Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.), **As Engrossed**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 15, 2013

TO: Honorable Linda Harper-brown, Chair, House Committee On Government Efficiency & Reform

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1128 by Herrero (Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 10, 2013

TO: Honorable Linda Harper-brown, Chair, House Committee On Government Efficiency & Reform

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1128 by Herrero (Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.), **As Introduced**

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Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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